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BERNASCONI ET AL.

APPLICATION NO: 09/955,381

FILED: SEPTEMBER 18, 2001

FOR: USE OF GABA B RECEPTOR LIGANDS FOR THE TREATMENT
OF NEURODEGENERATIVE DISEASES

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicants wish to call the Examiner's attention to the references cited on the attached form(s) PTO-1449. All of the non-asterisked references were cited in an International Search Report for parent application PCT/EP00/02605, filed March 23, 2000. In any event, a copy of the International Search Report and a copy of all of the non-asterisked references that are listed on the PTO-1449 form are enclosed herewith.

We also enclose copies of USP 5,332,729 and USP 5,424,441, which are family members of EP 0569333 (which is in the German language) and of USP 5,214,063, which is a family member of EP 0463969 (which is in the French language). In addition, enclosed is the corresponding Derwent Abstract of French Patent 2,722,192.

The Examiner is requested to consider the foregoing information in relation to this application and indicate that each reference was considered by returning a copy of the initialed PTO 1449 form(s).

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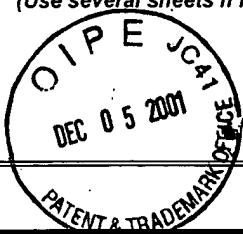
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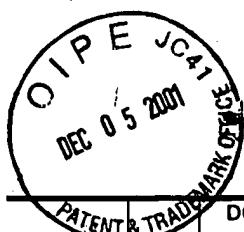
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